

ABSTRACT

A cordless/wireless telephone system and method(s) of operation of same that provide(s) the combined benefits of corded/cordless/cellular telephony through the selective use of cellular and cordless technologies. The telephone system includes a base unit having both a cellular communications sub-system for communicating with a cellular service provider and a cordless communications sub-system for communicating with one or more cordless handsets, each of which may also include a cellular communications system and a cordless communications system which are selectively used depending on a number of factors including cordless received signal strength.